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Planning

Soft Market Testing - Supply of Nicotine-free medication products approved for stop smoking support including: Cytisinicline (Cytisine), Varenicline and Bupropion.

North Northamptonshire Council

UK2: Preliminary market engagement notice - Procurement Act 2023 - <u>view information</u> <u>about notice types</u>

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The <u>previous version</u> is still available.

Scope

Description

North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) Public Health Team is exploring options for the future supply and distribution of nicotine- free medicine products. To support our local

smoking cessation services. We are particularly interested in understanding the market position on pharmacological treatments such as Cytisinicline (Cytisine), Varenicline and Bupropion.

We are keen to explore the capacity of potential suppliers to deliver products direct-toclient and undertake online models of

consultation and assessment of clients. Here the provider would manage clinical governance (including PGD arrangements).

Notice:

This is not a formal procurement process. The purpose of this soft market engagement is to:

- Gauge supplier interest in potential future opportunities.
- Understand online service models, supply capacity and distribution models (direct-toclient delivery).
- Explore the availability and licensing status of Cytisinicline, Varenicline and Bupropion.
- Inform the development of an online stop smoking medicines provision for any future procurement.

Scope of Products (indicative):

- Cytisinicline (Cytisine)
- Varenicline
- Bupropion

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

• 85100000 - Health services

Contract locations

- UKC North East (England)
- UKD North West (England)
- UKE Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF East Midlands (England)
- UKG West Midlands (England)
- UKH East of England
- UKI London
- UKJ South East (England)
- UKK South West (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

15 October 2025

Engagement process description

Interested suppliers are invited to provide answers to a short questionnaire which can be accessed via the following link :

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-Q6c4geaAku5i3stinjXN0XmezY9 9pdLqwaOehYqgU9UOUhOVVpDTDA2OU1PSFVKUzBaODE3TTBQUy4u

Interested suppliers should kindly click above to complete the expression of interest form.

If you wish to provide any additional supporting information or documents, these may be submitted within the completed questionnaire, or alternatively these can be submitted via email to:

nnc-PublicHealthCommissioningTeam@northnorthants.gov.uk by 15/10/2025. Kindly ensure to use "Stop Cessation Medication Soft Market Testing" as the subject of the email.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

North Northamptonshire Council

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